

Dear Mr Chairman Julius Genachowski
and
Secretary Maria Gaglio:

I have written numerous times to you both about the excessive limits of monopoly ownership started by former Chairman's Powell and Martin.

Since monopolies have taken over radio, these stations are now automated with no engineers in sight, so when they go off the air these stations are off for hours. They no longer provide hourly newscast and weather and can no longer be considered serving the public.

What makes this worse is we now have station feeding a transmitter where the studio is in another part of the country. So for example, if you have 1600 AM in Rockville Maryland the studios for example are in New York and the only thing in Rockville is a transmitter and transmitter room. How is this serving the community.

Since you have been Chairman, you have done nothing to break up the 6 major companies that run radio. Automated radio does not serve the community.

When there was a major storm in the Washington DC metro area and only one radio station had the ability to serve the public, WTOP 103.5, 103.9 and 107.7. None of the other stations in the area on AM or FM have a real news department.

If you look at radio in the 50's and 60's and 70's when radio people ran radio and not wall street, we had real news departments with news on the top and bottom of the hour on AM and on the top of the hour on FM

Evidently the FCC seems to forget that radio is suppose to serve the public, not wall street.

Since you have been Chairman, you have done nothing to make radio live, local 24/7 to better serve the public. You have done nothing to break up the big monopolies. It is as if you want to dumb up our country and stop the flow of information. CBS New York has two all news stations and one TV station providing news. They had three separate web site pages with completely different information and a great deal of it. Now they merged all three sites and cut down the amount of information they provide.

We no longer have news departments at these radio stations because the FCC no longer seems to remember that radio is suppose to serve the public. Could you imagine all those people stuck in traffic during a major storm if they had no WTOP FM on their car radio. giving road and weather conditions.

The same way Powell and Martin allowed the Monopolies to take over radio, you can break up these monopolies and go back to the old limits of one AM, One FM and one TV in each market with a maximum of 30 stations nation wide. You could still have your network affiliates, but they would be independently owned.

It is pretty sad that after 18 months as the FCC Chairman you have done nothing to break up these monopolies and have allowed Comcast to buy NBC. At this rate, we will have one company owning everything.

Gerbals the Nazi propaganda minister said that if you control the media, you control the public. To day radio is all right wing. Look at Washington DC 570 WTNT, 630 WMAL. 1260 WWRC and 1580 WHFS all right wing talk shows. Then go look at the FOX TV and News Network. All Right wing. Only a Republic could like one sided radio.

Ronald Reagan's De Regulation started the problem. Taking away the Fairness Doctrine continued the problem. And allowing Six Monopolies to run radio helped further the problem.

You inaction to break up these monopolies keeps the problem continuing. If you make radio live and local 24/7, put back the news requirement on the top and bottom of every hour. and required engineers to be at all the stations 24/7 you would return the 10's of thousands of lost radio jobs.

We can no longer afford to have automated radio run by computers and robots with no live person in the studio.

When congress can consider a performance tax on all music played on radio which would be a form of payola something they arrested people for back in the beginning of rock n roll radio it is obvious you and the FCC forgot what your job is. The FCC is suppose to make sure that radio serves the Public, not wall street.

That is why the time has come to break up these big Monopolies an re assign all the radio frequencies.

The fact that you can not be contacted when some one calls your office is appalling. It makes you worse that Powell and Martin who let the big Monopolies run radio in the first place.

The fact that you never responded to my letter or never called me back at Ira Warren Patasnik at 954-536-3082 or responded to my E-mail at: Radiospace@aol.com is also appalling.

I can not comprehend when our country is in such dyer straits and you have the power to bring back all these lost radio jobs, you sit there and let these big monopolies treat radio like pieces of real estate and let them automate radio so that if there are 20 formats, they can feed all those formats to the thousands of radio stations around the country and wipe out all local radio.

It is pure arrogance on your part Mr Chairman to have never addressed this problem.. Nazi Germany occurred because they controlled the media in that country.

Turn on Radio today in any major city and it is all right wing talk. Unless you have satellite radio and pay for it you can not get Randi Rhodes or another opinion. We are a democracy with freedom of speech and yet in this country what we have is one sided radio. That is very dangerous.

Now it is your time to correct this.

I would appreciate a call from you at 954-536-3082. I will be 59 in December and I have never seen our country this messed up.

Sincerely,

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